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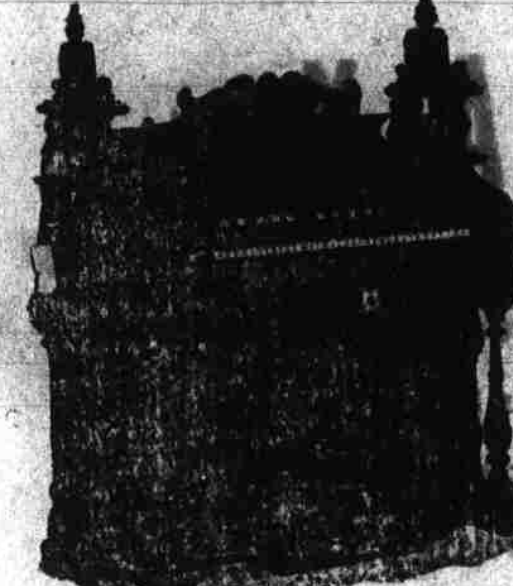
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OLD FORK GLEANINGS.

Cotton Attacked at Root by Small Insects.—Work of Farming Around the Fork.— News Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

I have just come in from a ramble after my young turkeys and am now seated by a South Western window, where the cool breeze is quite refreshing, and the view presents a varied and busy scene this morning. In the distance I see the golden grain falling to the hands of two brawny reapers, who are dextrously using the old-time scythes, and in their wake follows a troop of women and children binding and shocking, while in a field nearer by plowmen and hoe-hands are busy in the cotton, and the crops look vigorous and thrifty.

I heard two of our neighbors recently complaining that their cotton was dying from some unknown cause, and breaking the stand badly—one of the gentlemen said that he examined about the roots of some of the affected stalks, and found a multitude of little insects resembling lice, which he thinks is at the bottom of the trouble.

From reports throughout the cotton belt, the crop is going to be short this year, with a prospect of advanced prices, and I think our farmers who have sold futures at ten cents have made a bad mistake. This has been a season of much hail, but we have been fortunate enough to escape so far, although it struck the edge of Col. E. F. McRae's farm and did some damage to the crop of Mr. J. W. Bennett in the lower end of the Fork.

We are going to miss the fruit crop sorely this year, as there is nothing of the kind left from the ravages of the cold, except briar-berries, and the low-bush huckleberries—and there will be a curtailment in the canning business so far as fruit is concerned, our main dependence in that line being the prospect for grapes only.

Mr. Alex Stuart, one of our neighbor boys, and a late student at the Raleigh Agricultural and Mechanical College was around Friday afternoon in search of smut in the small grain.

This action was in response to a recent request from the President of his College, who I suppose has agents of the kind throughout the State in order to determine the amount of smut prevalent, though to what object he has in view I am ignorant. Young Mr. Stuart reports the crops comparatively clear of this blemish, especially the wheat, as he had found no wheat in this immediate section except the Squire's three acres which seems to be a lonesome little crop.

Capt. Peter McRae, one of our highly esteemed old Veterans, who has been right sick for several days, we are glad to hear is improving, and hope he may rapidly recover his usual health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McQueen, Mrs. Chester McIver, of Maxton, and Mr. Donald McQueen, of Oklahoma, spent last Friday in the Fork, the guests of Mr.

J. G. Whitlock and family. Mr. Donald McQueen had been on to the Richmond Reunion, and came by to see his only sister, Mrs. J. W. McQueen, whom he had not met in 18 years, and I guess, was the most pleasant reunion he had on his trip. He told me that 300 or 400 Veterans came on from his far-off State, traveling from Monday morning until Thursday which must have been a wearisome trip, but they reached the goal in good shape and had a fine time. Poor old fellows, I guess there will never be as many of them together again, until they reach the "Eternal Campgrounds."

I hurried for that gritty old Tennessee Veteran at the reunion, who slapped the jaws of the drunken Yankee, when he undertook to deride the South and sneer at the Confederate Veterans. He did the job so neatly, just caught him by the ear with one hand and slapped his jaws with the other.

I was proud too of our North Carolina Veteran, who stepped up when the little fray was over, and slipping from his own finger a handsome gold ring, placed it upon that of the Victor, with the request that whenever his eye fell upon that little ornament, that he might remember how he conquered the New Yorker in Richmond, Va., at the grand reunion.

I would like to see my old friend, M. G. McKenzie since his return, and get a recital of his trip, and what all he saw, heard, said, and did, himself.

The Squire is up and around again, but regains his strength quite slowly.

Sadie Stuart and Mary Belle McLaurin spent last week most delightfully in the home of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart of John's Station.

Rev. Mr. Ashby of the Methodist Episcopal Church filled his usual appointment at Oak Grove yesterday, preaching to a large congregation.

"Aunt Becky."

Tarheel Boy Lost in Washington.
Washington, June 8.—Mystery surrounds the disappearance of William Uppenheimer, a lad 18 years old, who was bound through this city to Philadelphia on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was put on the train by his parents at Rocky Mount, N. C., Thursday evening and placed under the care of the conductor. When Richmond was reached and a new conductor took the train, the lad was turned over to him, with the request that he see that the boy changed cars in this city safely.

Upon arrival here, however, the little fellow left the car without the knowledge of the conductor and completely disappeared. The local police were notified, but the boy has not been located.

The Asheville Citizen says that fire of unknown origin, in Asheville Wednesday night, almost totally destroyed what is known as the "leach house" of the Hans Rees Sons' tannery, and for a time threatened to wipe out the entire plant. The loss, which is estimated from \$60,000 to 75,000 is said to be fully covered by insurance.

PARKTON NEWS LETTER.

Old Confederate Soldier Visiting From Mississippi.—Bank Organized.—Other News.
Correspondence to The Robesonian.

Mr. Neill McQueen, of Loudi-wici Ga., is spending a few days here with his daughter, Mrs. J. G. Hughes.

Mrs. A. C. McCormick is visiting her mother, Mrs. Blue, near Laurinburg.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hughes and little girls spent Sunday here with relatives.

Dr. T. L. Northrop and Mr. W. D. Johnson returned Tuesday from an extended trip to Atlantic City, New York, Baltimore and other northern cities and report a most pleasant time.

Miss Mary Belle McMillan returned last week from Anselousia, Ala., where she has been for several months with her brothers, Messrs. Joe and Neill McMillan.

Miss Effie McMillan visited friends in Columbia and Marion S. C., last week.

The Lumber Bridge Base Ball Team came over last Friday afternoon and played our boys which resulted in a score of 8 to 3 in favor of Lumber Bridge. We consider it a good game when the home boys had not played or even practiced in two years. We will try the boys again when we practice.

The business men of the town and surrounding country met last Tuesday and organized a bank to be known as The Parkton Bank (Commercial and Savings) with a paid in capital of \$10,000 with the privilege of increasing to \$50,000. Messrs. J. G. Hughes, J. B. McCormick and Mr. Lasley, cashier of the Hope Mills Bank, with the assistance of Mr. H. McD. Robeson, of Fayetteville were appointed a committee to draft by-laws and constitution govern management of the bank. The next meeting will be held the 20th inst when the officers and directors will be elected. This new enterprise will be great convenience and benefit to our people and we predict for it great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Stamps are visiting her mother, Mrs. McQueen, near Willis Creek. Mr. Henry Price of Mississippi is stopping over in the surrounding community on his way back from the reunion at Richmond. Mr. Price is making his first visit back to North Carolina after an absence of party years. He is an old Confederate Soldier; served through the civil war. He volunteered in the first cavalry Company which went from this section; it was organized at Fayetteville. His many comrades and friends are glad to see him.

Parkton, N. C., June 12th.

Cabrera Murdered.
By Publisher's Press.

Mexico City, June 10.—A private dispatch from Guatemala City says that President Cabrera of Guatemala has been assassinated in that city. Owing to the disturbed conditions in Guatemala, considerable credit is attached to the report, and confirmation eagerly awaited. Mexico is especially interested, owing to the dispute between Cabrera and Mexico, following the assassination of former President Barillas.

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